

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for recognizing that claims 22, 23 and 24 include allowable subject matter. Those claims have been rewritten in independent form and include the features previously recited in the respective claims from which they depended. Therefore, claims 22, 23 and 24 should now be in condition for allowance.

The dependency of claims 3, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20 and 21 has been amended in view of the amendments to claims 22, 23 and 24 and the cancellation of claims 1, 11 and 13. Therefore, claims 3, 12, 14, 15, 19, 20 and 21 should be in condition for allowance as well.

Dependent claims 25, 26 and 27 have been added and depend, respectively, from claims 22, 23 and 24. Therefore, claims 25, 26 and 27 also should be in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added.

Information Disclosure Statement

In November 2004, applicant filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). For the Examiner's convenience, a copy of the form 1449 (obtained from the PTO's on-line PAIR System) that accompanied the IDS is enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to initial the form 1449 to indicate consideration of each listed item of information.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and allowance of the application.

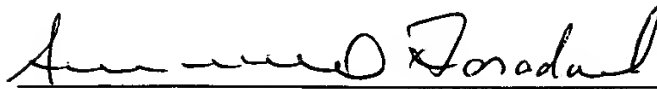
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